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Group Art Unit: 1616

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Examiner: Marina LAMM

For: DEVICE FOR DISPENSING A THERAPEUTIC OR COSMETIC SUBSTANCE, THE INERT VEHICLE OF WHICH IS A VOLATILE POLYDIORGANOSILOXANE, AND COMPOSITION INTENDED TO BE USED IN THE DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The instant paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 16 and 25, without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 10-15, 17, 23, 24, and 26-28 are pending.

Claims 16 and 25 are canceled, hereby, as being redundant.

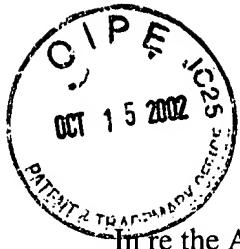
Reconsideration is being requested with respect to the rejection for alleged obviousness-

double patenting based on claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 5,582,815.

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TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Response in the above-captioned application.

— Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a statement previously submitted.

— A check in the amount of \$ ***** is attached for: *****

XX If a Petition for Extension of Time is necessary and the Petition and/or the check is not enclosed, this will act as the Petition and applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response and charge any fees necessary under 37 CFR 1.17 (a)-(d) to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge payment of any other additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

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